

## Chapter 4 The Middle of the Night









IS ALL UP?  
THEN LET'S  
MEET AT  
KANTEIRHO  
SHIZU.  
HOW DOES  
TEN-THIRTY  
SOUND?

9-SIXTY.  
THAT'S FIND  
WITH ME.

HMM?  
WHAT  
ABOUT?

DEAN.

I WANT  
TO HAVE  
A LITTLE-  
BIT  
GURBLY  
TALK, SO  
LET'S  
CHAT  
OVER  
DINNER  
OR  
SOMETHING.

CAN WE  
MEET UP  
AFTER  
YOU GET  
OFF  
WORK?

...YOU'RE  
QUITE THE  
PLAYER,  
AREN'T  
YOU.

I'LL  
SEE  
YOU  
TONIGHT  
THEN!

STARTED















...THE  
TRUTH  
IS

TSUKASA  
ISN'T CUT  
OUT TO BE  
PART OF  
THE MARA.

I WAS  
ABOUT  
TO GET  
STABBED,  
AND I  
COULDN'T  
EVEN PULL  
OUT THE  
GUN I WAS  
CARRYING.

HAHAHA.  
YOU GOT  
THAT  
RIGHT.

I CAN.  
HR  
SEEMS  
PRETTY  
WEAK.  
YOU  
CAN  
TELL?

YOU'RE  
PERHA-  
PS RIGHT.

TO A  
LIFE OF  
GETTING  
UP  
EARLY  
IN THE  
MORN-  
ING.  
COMING  
HOME IN THE  
EVENING,  
AND EATING  
THE MEAL  
MY WIFE  
PREPARED  
FOR ME...

...I WAS  
MORE  
SUITED TO  
BEING A  
FACTORY  
WORKER.



NO.  
THANKS  
TO YOU, IT  
DON'T  
INTERFERES  
WITH MY  
EVERDAY  
LIFE  
ANYMORE.  
IT'S A  
GOOD THING  
THE WOUND  
WASN'T  
DEEP.

DOES  
IT  
STILL  
HURT?

AND  
THIS IS  
HOW IT  
ENDS

I TRIED TO  
GET AWAY BY  
APOLOGIZING.

BUT  
THERE'S  
 BEEN A LOT  
OF FIGHTING  
RECENTLY, AND  
THE OTHER  
GUY GOT ALL  
WORKED UP



I'M SO  
GLAD  
THINGS  
TURNED  
OUT OKAY.  
IT'S ALL  
BECAUSE  
OF YOU,  
AKI!



...IF WE KNEW IT  
WERE GOING TO  
BE THIS BAD  
THOUGH, IT WOULD  
HAVE BEEN MUCH  
BETTER TO JUST  
LIVE WITH THE  
PAST.

I TOLD  
YOU, IT'LL  
BE OKAY. I  
DON'T GO  
ANYWHERE  
DANGEROUS  
ANYMORE.



AS LONG AS YOU'RE AFFILIATED WITH THE MAFIA, YOU'LL PROBABLY RUN INTO DANGER IN THIS TOWN.



IT LOOKS LIKE THE FIGHTING IS BECOMING MORE INTENSE, AND IT'S NOT REALLY CLEAR WHERE THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN TERRITORIES IS ANYMORE.



YOU WAIT HERE, TSUKASA. YOUR STOMACH STILL HURTS, DOESN'T IT?

I'M GONNA HEAD BACK NOW.

...DROP BY AGAIN.

I'D LIKE TO BE FRIENDS.

WE HAVEN'T BEEN IN THIS TOWN THAT LONG...

ME, TOO.

YOU'RE GOING? I'LL GO DOWNSTAIRS WITH YOU.















IF SHE  
SHOULD  
HAPPEN  
TO DIE,

SO  
REGARDLESS  
OF HOW  
MANY  
PEOPLE  
MEI KILLS,

I MAY  
HAVE  
DECIDED  
NOT TO  
GET INVOLVED,  
BUT  
SHE'S NO  
LONGER A  
STRANGER  
TO ME.



I'M  
SURE  
I'LL FEEL  
SAD  
ABOUT  
IT.





















